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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF A DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the Notification of a Defective Response mailed September 11,  
2001, a response to which is due by October 11, 2001.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Specification:

Pages 18 and 19, delete the paragraph running from page 18, line 19 through page 19,  
line 25 and insert

--The 1.27 kb fragment containing the  $P_{irp}$  promoter, the ribosome binding site of the  $\lambda$   
phage cII gene (RBScII) and the nitrilase gene of *Alcaligenes faecalis* ATCC8750 (*nitB*) was  
extracted from the plasmid pRPA6BCAT6 (application FR 96/13077) using the EcoRI and XbaI

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